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Ch.2 *Economic Shalom*

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Intro

- “What are you going to *be* when you grow up?” and “What are you going to *do* when you grow up?” are often used interchangeably.
  - Those are two separate questions. The first question should be predominant. The second question is more practical. What will your vocation be versus what will your job be.
  - From a Reformed Christian perspective, we are image bearers of God. How we go about that would answer the
- Work was created prior to the Fall of Man (Genesis 1:26,28).
  - Verse is often referred to as the Cultural Mandate: Be fruitful and multiply.
- The Fall of Man is what made work difficult. Bugs and weeds in the fields. Annoying coworkers at the office….

Human Flourishing

- There is much more to human flourishing than work. Work is necessary but not sufficient condition for human flourishing.
- This is not to say we should idolize work.
- As Lester DeKoster writes in *Work: The Meaning of Your Life*, work is how we make ourselves useful to others. But it is not all of life. Additionally, work is filled with temptations:
  - Laziness.
  - Not adequately compensating those who work for us.
  - When work makes us rich.